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## 2015 Nonprofit Management Cohort Capacity Building Update

Capacity Building: 2015 Nonprofit Management Cohort Potlatch Fund has completed its recruitment for the 2015 Nonprofit Management Cohort and we have 16 Native-led nonprofit organizations or tribal departments that will be participating over the next 10 months in training sessions and technical assistance. The 2015 Nonprofit Management Cohort includes the following.



*2014 Nonprofit Management Cohort discussing ideal finance person (left to right: Susan Balbas and LaRae Wiley).*

- Blackhorse Pride
- Born Inc. / Second Season
- Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne
- Chief Seattle Club
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Ke Kukui Foundation
- Klamath Crisis Center
- Maqlaqs gee'tkni
- Native American Youth and Family Center
- Native Generational Change
- Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation
- The Salish Institute
- Western Native Voice
- Yellowbird, a 7th Generation Affiliate



*Sunrise on Flathead Lake during the 2014 Fall Cohorts Convening in Polson, MT at the Kwa TaqNuk.*

This cohort will be participating in two convenings and eight webinars that focus on developing skills in financial and nonprofit management, organizational and board development, fundraising and grant writing, and communications. An important aspect of the cohort model and an intention of this program is peer knowledge sharing and developing or strengthening relationships with other nonprofits. Tachini Pete and Maria Griffin look forward to meeting and working with everyone in the coming months.

## 2015 Grantmaking Calendar

### Spring and Fall Cycle Update



*Sine 2005, and with the help of many generous partners and donors, Potlatch Fund has provided over **\$1,800,000** in funding to Native initiative throught the Pacific Northwest.*

Potlatch Fund is excited to share that in 2015, we will grant out more than \$240,000 to support Native-led initiatives in the Pacific Northwest!

**Community Building** Whether residing on a rural reservation or within a large metropolitan area, nurturing a sense of community to essential to Native people. We support community projects or programs that impart values, histories, and knowledge across generations to make our communities stronger and healthier. We are particularly interested in supporting initiatives that address the root causes of social, economic, racial, or environmental injustice in Northwest Native communities. This year funding priority will be given to community projects or programs that provide leadership opportunities for Native youth.

**Native Arts** Native art has always been integral to every aspect of tribal life. In tribal culture, art is not separate from everyday life, but rather art is the center of tribal life and everyday objects and tools are decorated beautifully with designs that perpetuate tribal identity, culture, and knowledge. This year funding priority will be given to projects from individual Native artists, Native arts organizations, or Tribal museums who are working to revitalize endangered Native art forms, practices, and knowledge through intergenerational opportunities that transfer knowledge from elders and cultural retainers to a new generation.

**Language Preservation and Education** With the help of an anonymous donor we are excited to offer this grant cycle in support of language preservation and documentation efforts, educational enrichment and after school Native youth programming, and the professional development of Native educators. This initiative is important because we know that Native languages provide connections to our culture, history, and traditions and yet, with only limited numbers of fluent speakers, too many of our communities are at risk of losing their language. This grant fund also supports the advancement of Native educators and Native youth programming to foster the inclusion of cultural identities in educational environments.

For more information about each of our grant programs, including lists of past grantees, please visit our [website](#).

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2015 Spring Cycle

RFP Posted

**Tuesday, March 3**

RFP Closed

**Wednesday, April 8**

#### 2015 Fall Cycle

RFP Posted

**Tuesday, June 16**

RFP Closed

**Wednesday, July 22**



*Log Blessing - August 6, 2014.*



*Viewpoints* featured the Intellectual House project in its Fall 2008 issue. Read the whole article [here](#).

Please join us on March 12 and 13, 2015 to celebrate the Grand Opening of Phase One of the University of Washington's new w Ƨ bʔaltx™ (Intellectual House)! March 12th will be the Open House and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. March 13th will be a full day event where we will share stories, songs, laughter and friendship. Food and beverages will be served throughout the day.

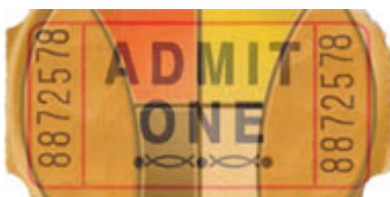
We come together to commemorate a 45+ year dream to build an intellectual and cultural space on campus that acknowledges the importance of Native cultures and histories and honors Coast Salish architectural traditions. The w Ƨ bʔaltx™ will be a place where we can learn and share our knowledge with one another while working to strengthen the successes of our UW Native students.

We welcome all tribes to come and share their songs and dances with us on March 13th. Please contact Dr. Charlotte Coté at [clotise@uw.edu](mailto:clotise@uw.edu) or (206) 221-6549 for more information.

**When:** Thursday, March 12, 2:30pm ~ 4:00pm  
*Open House and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony*  
Friday, March 13, 10:00am ~ 10:00pm  
*Full Day Celebration*

**Where:** 4249 Whitman Court, Seattle Campus

[Learn More!](#)



*Don't miss out on this chance to reconnect in 2015!*

*All are welcome (this event is 21+) to attend and build relationships with Seattle's Native community.*

## **Native Professionals and Friends Night**

**SAVE THE DATE - March 4, 2015**

This is your opportunity to meet local leaders, enjoy the company of the Native community, and build lasting connections with professionals from all walks of life. The event promises to be another evening of delightful conversation, delicious appetizers, and cool refreshments.

**When:** Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

**Where:** City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room  
(601 5th Ave, Seattle, WA)

**RSVP:** [Via eventbrite.com](#)

*\$25.00 suggested donation will benefit Potlatch Fund and support the work we undertake in Northwest Indian Country.*

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You can help Potlatch Fund strengthen Tribal communities and Native organizations through contributions of your time, talent, and treasure. Learn more about our mission, and how to get involved, by visiting our [website](#) or calling 206.624.6076.

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